

POLITICS HOLDING CENTER OF STAGE

Caucuses of House Afternoon And Evening With Senate In Line Tonight.

ALL CANDIDATES CONFIDENT

Dark Horses Looming Up to Make Things Lively in the Camps Of the Expectant.

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"77" COLD'S HEAD OFF!!

Humphreys' Seventy-Seven breaks up Grip and Colds. Look out for the Grip; forearmed is forearmed; at this time of year a hard stubborn Cold is apt to run into Grip; head off the Cold with "Seventy-seven" Dr. Humphreys' famous Specific. All druggists sell, most druggists recommend "77." 25c.

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LATE LOCALS.

Bank Examiner Here—National Bank Examiner from Salt Lake, Colorado "dropped in" on the Deseret National bank this morning, and is overhauling the books.

Speakers at Tabernacle—The speakers at the tabernacle tomorrow afternoon will be Elder Heber A. Grant, of the quorum of apostles, and Rev. Louis S. Fuller, of San Francisco, as western resident agent of the company he represents.

Ensign is Remembered—Horace Ensign is in receipt of a year Christmas present from Yokohama, in the shape of a hand-painted card marine and land view, from one of the three ladies accompanying the party of Japanese officials and prominent business men who visited this city last April. Mr. Ensign was valuable to the party at the time, in the way of an interpreter, and his services were appreciated.

WIFE CHARGES CRUELTY.

Clara B. Bransch this morning entered a divorce suit against Theodore H. Bransch, in which she accuses him of cruel and inhuman treatment, in that he at various dates, named, abused her by means of bad language, and at one time he pulled her hair and scratched her face. She also charges that he varied the monotony of things in the domestic by knocking her down, this latter offense took place yesterday, according to the complaint, which sets for the custody of the two minor children, and a month alimony and \$50 for attorney's fee. The couple were married here March 10, 1886.

KERR ARRIVES TODAY.

Kenneth C. Kerr, district passenger agent of the Salt Lake Route, with headquarters at Salt Lake, arrived in this city on the Los Angeles limited train today. Mr. Kerr's appointment as district passenger agent went into effect Jan. 1, and he will take up the duties of his new position at once.

ITALY FRAMING RELIEF MEASURE

Proposed to Exempt Earthquake Zone from All Taxation on Building for Four Years.

CONDITION OF REFUGEES.

American Girl Tells of Her Experiences—Bakers of Taormina Were Paid by Contributions.

Rome, Jan. 9.—The parliamentary committee, which is examining the relief measures proposed by the government in the chamber of deputies, has modified them with the consent of the cabinet. The changes provide that the building taxation be 2 per cent for five years instead of 5 per cent for two years and that the earthquake zone be exempted from all taxation on building for four years. A further provision is that all unclaimed values in the devastated district be devoted by the government to the relief of the survivors.

Miss Mary Sherman of Elizabeth, N. J., who was active in the measures undertaken at Taormina for the relief of the earthquake sufferers and who now is on Rome, today gave further details of the conditions of the refugees who came under her observations. Some of the wounded, she said, were so seriously hurt that there was very little chance of their reaching Catania alive. They were therefore taken from the train and given every attention possible at Taormina. Local Italian doctors and an English physician, Dr. Dashwood, and his wife, were indefatigable in their labors. Four of the wounded died during the first two days.

"All the bakers of Taormina," said Miss Sherman, "were kept at work making bread and they were paid by contributions from the foreign colony. We all did everything possible to obtain clothing to cover the shivering and naked people. There were many children among the refugees who had been made orphans by the earthquake."

"Lady Hill and her daughter who have a school at Taormina in which they taught embroidery gave themselves up to nursing and caring for the sufferers, receiving some in their villas."

COURT NEWS.

YEAGER GRANTED DIVORCE.

Judge Morse today signed the decree of divorce separating Roy H. Yeager from his wife, Millie Yeager, on the ground of desertion. The woman in a fit of rage picked up their six-month-old baby and threw it across the floor, telling her husband to take it and depart for neither region. She then left the house and has not since returned. The father was given the custody of the child.

ERHMAN CASE COMES UP.

Children Being Reared Where Opium Fumes Fill the Air.

The juvenile court today has before it a large number of cases, and there are still a larger number up for investigation. This is largely owing to the fact that there was to have been

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from the water, had a short conversation with him, went over and picked up a piece of salt cloth and put it under Mr. Annis' head and then walked behind the brothers and picked up the revolver.

Thornton Hains swore that Roberts knocked from the captain's hand by John Tierney as the last shot was fired and that it was then that he drew his own revolver.

EX-GOVERNOR WEST STILL CRITICALLY ILL

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 9.—Former Gov. West of Utah is still seriously ill at Providence hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis about a week ago. The surgeons at the hospital said this morning that his condition had not changed in the slightest, and that he is still critically ill.

SENATOR SMOOT PRAISES MEMORY OF PROCTOR

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—The senate this afternoon is occupied in listening to eulogies upon the life and character of the late Senator Proctor of Vermont, who died last month. Among the speakers was Senator Smoot, who spoke feelingly of the Vermont statesman, for whom he had the highest regards as chairman of the senate committee on agriculture. Mr. Proctor did a great deal for the west, and especially the State of Utah, and Senator Smoot never went to him for legislation affecting his state that he was not received with every consideration. Senator Smoot's address occupied about half an hour, and was received with close attention.

PATENTS

We desire to announce that we have established in connection with our paper, a Patent Bureau, and invite the co-operation of Inventors, Mechanical Engineers, Draftsmen, Machinists, Superintendents and Foremen of Shops and Mills, Skilled Mechanics in all trades, Farmers and all others, in building up a patent system, that will give honest advice to inventors, protect their interests by good patents and strong contracts; assist inventors in perfecting their inventions, and in selling their patents when obtained; and in all matters to render careful service and give full value for money paid.

We have associated with us at Washington, D. C., an attorney who has been in continuous practice for the past twenty years, and we are in position to guarantee that any patent matters placed in our hands will receive prompt and careful attention, and that the charges will always be moderate.

We also, in addition to securing of patents, obtain Trade-Marks, Copyrights, Labels, Design Patents, and in fact transact business of all character in this line.

All patents secured through our Bureau will be advertised for sale at our expense, and will thus be brought to the attention of the thousands of readers and materially assist the inventors in disposing of their patents.

If you have made an invention, send us a rough sketch and description with \$5, and we will have our attorney make a thorough search of the records of the United States Patent Office, and advise you as to the securing of patent, the cost and the manner of proceeding.

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ISSUED MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS.

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

New Appliance Tested at Z. C. M. I. This Morning Greatly Reduces Liability to Fire Loss.

The automatic sprinkling system recently installed by Z. C. M. I. at an expense of \$40,000 was tested this morning in the presence of the management of the store, the executive committee, several directors and a number of other prominent business men who had been invited to witness the demonstration, including insurance agents.

The trials proved completely successful, and if any of those present had any doubts concerning the efficiency of the new device, they surely went away fully convinced that no fire could live under the deluge of water that gushed from the spraying devices at the rate of 125 gallons a minute, covering every inch of space within a radius of from 3 to 12 feet per tap head.

To avoid the damage by fire and smoke incident to a genuine fire, torches were improvised and applied to four of the heads in the delivery room, and when the water was in full play, completely covering the east end of the room, notwithstanding the fact that both tests were made under somewhat unfavorable conditions, owing to the construction of the ceiling being of open joists.

Water from the city mains was used and at the time of the tests registered 82 pounds. Should a fire occur and the city water give out, two tanks holding 1,000 gallons of water each—erected in the rear of the building—come into use automatically, thus assuring a steady and continuous stream of water.

The essential feature of the system is a valve made of fusible metal, which melts at a temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit, and immediately sets the water wheel that throws the water around so vigorously in operation. There are 3,700 of the valves, eight feet apart, scattered throughout Z. C. M. I. and every nook and corner is covered from the general manager's office to the waste paper box, over 30,000 feet of pipe having been used to install the system. It being the largest system of the kind in the entire west, with the single exception of one located at Los Angeles which has 1,600 tap heads.

This sprinkling equipment is connected with the city water system by means of an eight-inch pipe in the basement. Arising from this main pipe are seven stand-pipes of five and six-inch dimensions and these stand-pipes extend to all floors of the institution to furnish water to sprinklers. All these stand-pipes are connected with an electric alarm operated by means of an engine and bell. These show at a glance just where the fire or other trouble is located in the building. Later this alarm device will be connected with the regular fire alarm system of the city to enable the fire department to locate the trouble in the Z. C. M. I. in the quickest possible time.

The work was done under the supervision of chief engineer W. H. Bywater, formerly chief of the city fire department, upon whose recommendation the system was installed. Ac-

Salt Lake's Greatest Value Giving Sale!

FURS ONE-THIRD OFF.

Many a choice Fur can be had at this sale. You'll be surprised at the remarkable values. Handsome Mink sets, Sable, Squirrel, German Fox, Lynx and many others. All subject to One-Third Off.

"The Paris."

\$8 and \$9 Plush Capes \$2.95

About twenty five in all, made of an extra good quality of the Heavy Silk Plush, extra good length, full sweep, sizes from 36 to 42.

The GREATEST SALE in the history of Salt Lake. THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF WOMEN'S, MISSES' and CHILDREN'S READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS TO BE DISPOSED OF at the MOST UNHEARD-OF LOW PRICES EVER QUOTED. FROM ONE-THIRD to ONE-HALF OFF IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY. It's without doubt the greatest value giving event we've ever had the pleasure to offer. Thousands of women took advantage of our sale this week. Next week the opportunities will be as great if not greater. Every department in the entire store contributes to this colossal sale. It's a sale you can't afford to miss. We advise an early morning call.

Monday Morning We Offer Our Entire Line of Fur Coats at One-Third Off 33 1-3%

Every Garment Guaranteed. Several Styles to Choose from, at the following prices:

\$20.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$20.00	\$22.50 Fur Coats.....	\$14.95
\$25.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$25.00	\$25.00 Fur Coats.....	\$16.65
\$30.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$30.00	\$30.00 Fur Coats.....	\$20.00
\$35.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$35.00	\$35.00 Fur Coats.....	\$23.75
\$40.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$40.00	\$40.00 Fur Coats.....	\$26.65
\$45.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$45.00	\$45.00 Fur Coats.....	\$30.00
\$50.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$50.00	\$50.00 Fur Coats.....	\$33.35
\$55.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$55.00	\$55.00 Fur Coats.....	\$36.75
\$60.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$60.00	\$60.00 Fur Coats.....	\$40.00
\$65.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$65.00	\$65.00 Fur Coats.....	\$43.35
\$70.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$70.00	\$70.00 Fur Coats.....	\$46.65
\$75.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$75.00	\$75.00 Fur Coats.....	\$50.00
\$80.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$80.00	\$80.00 Fur Coats.....	\$53.35
\$85.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$85.00	\$85.00 Fur Coats.....	\$56.65
\$90.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$90.00	\$90.00 Fur Coats.....	\$60.00
\$95.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$95.00	\$95.00 Fur Coats.....	\$63.35
\$100.00 Fur Coats at.....	\$100.00	\$100.00 Fur Coats.....	\$66.65

\$20.00 Cashmere Fur Cloth Coats, \$9.95

There are Twenty Coats in all. They are the short, light-fitting, back roll collar, turn back cuffs, fine satin lined, a handsome warm Winter Coat. You'll have to be on hand early Monday morning. They will not last long.

Young Girls' Coats.

\$7.50 and \$8.00 COATS \$3.95

A good line of colors in the plain, all wool, neatly trimmed. Ages from 5 years up to 14. About fifty in all. Come early.

Silk Costumes for Evening At Greatly Reduced Prices

Costumes up to \$30 at this sale—\$14.95

Evening costumes, values up to \$55.00, at this sale—\$18.95

Evening costumes, values up to \$42.50, at this sale—\$22.95

About thirty costumes in all, handsomely made of the soft Messaline Silk—Princess Front, Empire back, colors green, red, tan, black, gray.

Ask to See Our Line of Evening Waists 1-3 Off

Children's Coats at Less Than One Half Price

\$2.75 Children's COATS	One Lot of Children's Bear Skin Coats	One Lot of Children's Cloth and Bear Skin Coats
Red, Brown, Navy, Gray, ages from 1 year to 5 years, to go at—	Sold up to \$4.00, to go at—	Sold up to \$5.50, to go at this sale—
95c	\$1.95	\$2.69

\$3.00 Children's Angora Fur Sets in White 95c.

Shirt Waists Meet Another Deep Reduction.

Our January clearance sale the past week was one of the most successful sales the store has had. The shirt waist department came in for more than its share of business and the great rush has left us with a great many odds and ends and broken lots, with many different styles and materials, all colors, all sizes. These have been assorted and cast into the following selling lots as follows:

LOT No. 1	LOT No. 2	LOT No. 3
Waists in satinet, percale, brilliantine and flannelette. Values up to \$2.50, clearance price—	Nun's veiling, satinet, mercerized, Gingham and Brilliantine. Values up to \$2.50. Clearance sale price—	French Flannel Nun's veiling albatross, brilliantine and linen. Values up to \$2.50. Clearance sale price—
95c	\$1.19	\$1.95

Our entire line of lace, net, taffeta silk and beautiful wash fabric waists all subject to one-third off.

\$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.50 LONG COATS..... \$9.95

Handsomeness long coats for women, in the loose, semi-fitting and the tight fitting kind. All neatly trimmed, full satin lined, colors, green, navy, brown, red, black. A good range of sizes.

Bath Robe Specials

\$6.00 Blanket Robes	\$7.00 Blanket Robes
Several different colors, lay-down collar, also waist cord and tassels. Monday special—	A good assortment of styles, a good range of colors, special Monday at—
\$3.45	\$3.95

A large collection of Elderdown and Flannelette Dressing Scaques and Kimonos; values up to \$2.50; Special Monday at— 95c